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**AMENDMENT**

This Amendment is responsive to the Official Action mailed September 6, 2002 (Paper No. 3), the date of response to which has been extended one month up to and including January 6, 2003, in view of the attached one-month extension of time petition and petition fee.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification to add headings and subheadings as follows.

Page 1, between the title and first paragraph, insert the following heading and subheading:

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--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

AI 1. Field of the Invention--;

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Page 1, above the paragraph beginning at line 5, insert the following subheading: